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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Phillips et al.

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For: Surgical Retractor Having Curved Arms

Examiner: D. Comstock

Group A.U.: 3732

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the final Official Action dated March 8, 2005. The applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that the drawings are accepted and that claims 4 and 8 are allowable.

This amendment is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (a), (b), or (c) and should place the claims in allowable form herewith under the heading ***** VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE ***** in the proper format as required under the 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.